

May 8, 2011

To keep us all informed of the great things happening at Sacred Heart Parish, we provide a monthly bulletin insert with details regarding church and school news, updates on current projects and events, recaps of meetings, and much more. These "great things" will also be posted to www.sheff.org.

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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

On behalf of the Parish, we want to take this opportunity to honor all the mothers in our Church and School families. It takes a special person to be a mother, and we thank you for your love and dedication to raising good Catholic-Christian children. May you enjoy your day!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!



First Communion Class 2011

Last weekend the students from Sacred Heart School and the Parish School Religion class received Jesus for the first time during Holy Communion. On behalf of the Parish, we wish them our congratulations as they have made a significant step in their Catholic-Christian Faith.

The students studied very hard and were so well prepared for this blessed Sacrament. We are so proud of them! Please keep this First Communion class in your prayers as they continue their Faith journey.

U OF I STUDENT ATHLETES VISIT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Former Fighting Illini student-athletes, including standout quarterback Juice Williams and record holding swimmer/diver, Cece Mirazu, visited with Sacred Heart students this week. As part of a "Hometown Hero" tour in the midwest, Juice and Cece spoke to the students about their experiences in and out of the sporting arena, emphasizing the need to respect themselves and others. They also touched on topics such as teamwork, good sportsmanship, and the value of hard work. Following their presentations and activities, the students were able to get some autographs and photos with the athletes. Check out the photo album on our Facebook page (search for "Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Effingham").



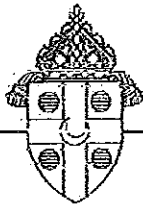
SACRED HEART SCHOOL TAKES PART IN RECENT COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HOLDS ITS ANNUAL SCHOOL-WIDE OPEN HOUSE



A special thanks to those of you who visited or volunteered in the Sacred Heart School booth during the recent Artisan Fair and Easter Eggstravaganza! As part of our marketing efforts, we participate in these events to showcase the benefits of our parish school, and to meet new prospective families. Hundreds of people took the time to chat with us, color a picture, make one of our Faith-related craft projects, and enjoy free popcorn and candy!

In talking with prospective families, we invited them to our annual Open House, which was held this past Thursday. We were pleased that many of them chose to learn more about our Sacred Heart, and attended the event, toured the school, talked one-on-one with teachers and staff, and most of all, they experienced our Christ-centered learning environment. Because many of these families will soon be making the decision as to selecting a school for their children, we ask you to please pray that they realize the benefits of attending our school, and that they do in fact join the Sacred Heart School family.

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Office of the Bishop

May 4, 2011

Dear Parishioners of Annunciation, Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Parishes:

Upon the unanimous recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board, I am pleased to announce that I have appointed the following priests as a pastoral team to serve your parishes, effective July 1, 2011:

Father David Hoefler, currently Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Springfield, will be Pastor of Annunciation Parish, Shumway; Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham; and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Effingham, with residence at Annunciation Rectory, Shumway.

Father Brian Alford, newly ordained, will be Parochial Vicar of Annunciation Parish, Shumway; Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham; and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Effingham, with residence at Annunciation Rectory, Shumway.

Father Sunder Ery (pronounced Ery), from India, will be Parochial Vicar of Annunciation Parish, Shumway; Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham; and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Effingham, with residence at St. Anthony of Padua Rectory, Effingham.

Joining the team in September will be Father Dominique Rimaz (pronounced Ree-mah), from Switzerland, to be Parochial Vicar of Annunciation Parish, Shumway; Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham; and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Effingham, with residence at Sacred Heart Rectory, Effingham.

Please note that each parish remains a distinct canonical entity. There is no intent on my part to merge these parishes in making these pastoral appointments. However, it is my fervent desire that these parishes seek to work cooperatively and collaboratively for the common good, motivated by Christian love.

You will be remembered in my prayers. Please pray for me as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
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